

The Bergen Bonsai Society

DEC 2019 Newsletter

Meeting: Sat. 12/07 12 noon

Place: DOMANI ITALIAN RESTAURANT
387 WASHINGTON AVE. HILLSDALE, NJ



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HOLIDAY
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The Bergen Bonsai Society

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Year 2019 Programs Mark Your Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MT</u> <u>G</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>MTG</u>
January	<u>NO MEETING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* February 17	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— MAKE SOIL AND FERTILIZER</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 10	<u>CLOSTER NATURE CENTER— ARTIST-TYLER SHERROD</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 7	<u>TEANECK — MABS TREE SELECTION & GROUP WORK-SHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 12,13,14	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN GRANTVILLE PA</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
May 19	<u>TEANECK —ARTIST SERGIO CUAN</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* June 8 SAT	<u>TEANECK — SMALL TREE JUNIPER CHALLENGE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* July 13 SAT	<u>TEANECK —TROPICAL REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Aug 18	<u>PICNIC LOCATION — LOCATION UNDECIDED</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 15	<u>TEANECK— OUR SHOW, POT SALE AND WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 26,27	<u>FIELD TRIP— WASHINGTON DC</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 10	<u>CLOSTER-- ARTIST—BOB MALHER</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 7	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>

* Indicates a change in date, event or time, since previous Newsletter

LAST MEETING —NOV. 10TH. BOB MAHLER—BONSAI WORKSHOP AT THE CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

Bob Mahler was our last visiting artist for this year and about fifteen of us showed up, many with trees, for advice and help in improving them. Bob is an old timer with lots of practical knowledge about everything bonsai. The following was some of his off the cuff advice on various topics:

- " OOF" cakes are good non smelling organic fertilizer (4-6-2) made from rapeseed, soy oil, fish meal and rice brain
- nutricote is better than osmocote because the release time is better controlled and actual release only occurs when the particles are watered
- use a copper-based fungicide to control apple cedar rust
- lime sulfur for fungus control should be applied twice during the winter as a 2 tbsp. /gallon spray, not on the leaves, pot or soil
- air layering should be started in April and be ready by Sept. "Wood" is a good hormone, but other gels also work well
- Azalea pruning while blooming will produce good back growth
- don't use neem oil for mites. Bear 3 & 1, now called BioAdvanced 3-in-1 is effective against insects, mites and fungus in one shot.

Members also purchased, at reasonable prices, a number of the trees which Bob brought with him. We are planning to have Bob back again next spring and perhaps do a club trip out to his place in Penn. This meeting might well be the last one in Closter.



**THIS MEETING —DEC 7TH.. SATURDAY — HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
AT DOMANI ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

@387 Washington Ave, Hillsdale at 12 noon, \$15/ person for members and their guests

Yes, it's another opportunity to eat and have good feelings with fellow bonsai lovers and discuss anything that interests our dynamic tree hugging group. Come up with ideas about what the club can do better while eating the appetizer, salad, pasta, and chicken, fish or veggie entree. There's also a desert, all worth more than the price you are paying. You need to give us a head count, so contact me at lenschwartz3@gmail.com to let us know that you are coming. Pay at the door.

NEXT YEAR 2020

We are in the process of planning the program for next year and we will be discussing it at the holiday luncheon. Besides our regular local program there are three regional and national events.

- (1) MABS next year in April will be memorable and will feature artists Bjorn Bjorholm (with a name like that he's got to be good), Suthin and Kathy Shaner. Registration forms are in our Bergen newsletter.
- (2) On September 11-12 The National exhibition in Rochester is a possible club trip either by car, rented van or chartered bus depending on our numbers.
- (3) Oct 8-11, the ABS/BCI convention will sponsor the Global Bonsai Seminars at the US National Arboretum in D.C. we may also be organizing trips to local bonsai nurseries if members are interested.
- 4) Board of Directors election (2-year terms). Believe it or not our club is run by an elected Board (currently nine) whose terms are up this year. Board members select among themselves the president, vs president, secretary, treasurer, program director and other functional positions. If you are interested in joining the board (and helping to do the vital jobs that need to be done) please contact me at lenschwartz3@gmail.com to be included in this year's election.

See attached
MABS 2020 registration form and
Global Bonsai Seminars 2020 registration form

GOOD AND WELFARE

No News is Good News

BBS WEBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our newsletters, pictures from our latest meetings, the Mid-Atlantic Convention, our extensive library & much more.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are on social media Facebook and Twitter, you can see what is going on with Bergen Bonsai and the Bonsai world. Thanks to Will Farro for setting it up. Bergen Bonsai News, if anyone would like to share some bonsai news, please feel free to drop us an email. We will publish it if it is appropriate.

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LIBRARY

As usual, the complete library inventory is posted on our website (BergenBonsai.com). Find what you want, contact our librarians (for videos; hard cover books — Ralf; Bonsai Today/ Focus and Int'l Bonsai, BCL Misc — Peter), and they will bring it to the next meeting. This is a tremendous asset and one of the best ways to learn more about bonsai in general. The library is a treasure trove of information just waiting to answer all of your questions and some that you haven't even thought about yet. Use these winter months to get answers to the questions that you have about your trees in time for the growing season.

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